Gem County Fire District #2
Meeting Minutes

The June Meeting was held June 17th and called to order at 8:00 pm by Harvey Church

Secretary requested that the reading of the updated May minutes be postponed until July to allow time for corrections. Kim made a motion to postpone, Harvey seconded, all were in favor.

Chairman/Commissioner Harvey Church: No Issues

Commissioner Bev Martin: No Issues

Commissioner Kim Zemaitis : No Issues

Chief Jim Heikes: Fire Calls (3) Medical Calls (7)
Jim Heikes discussed his portion of the driveway funds which were donated back to the department last year but he would like to be able to use those in the future for department needs not otherwise budgeted for, specifically items for the firefighters.

SECRETARY New Secretary, One application was received, interview was conducted. Bev made a motion to select Patrick Cowan as Secretary/Treasurer for Gem County Fire District #2. Harvey 2nds, All were in favor. Poppy will continue alongside Patrick until August with Both Patrick and Poppy being paid for June and July until the August meeting. Bev made a motion that Poppy retain her position of processing driveway permits until 12/31/26, Harvey 2nds, all were in favor.

BANK ACCESS Bev made a motion to have Patrick Cowan added to access both the First Interstate Checking 3915 and the LGIP investment Pool savings account and to be able to set up online access for both. LGIP Agency contact form will be sent in to set up Patrick. Poppy will also go with Patrick to the first interstate bank. Poppy will be removed from the accounts. Anyone with online access to the accounts will be removed/disabled.

BILLS/EXPENSES Harvey made a motion to pay the bills, Kim 2nds, All in favor – Bills were paid. Programs needed for the new computer were discussed. Patrick would like to purchase QuickBooks Pro 2024 desktop which he said he found for $149 for a 3rd party he believes to be reputable. He does not intent to use Word and Excel and instead is going to use google sheets for now to see if that will work and cost less. Harvey made a motion to purchase by debit card the QuickBooks pro for approx. $150.00, Kim seconds, all in favor. No additional programs requested at this time.

HERMANSON EASEMENT Written easement received. Allan is clarifying the legal description and terms with Kirk Wille and then it will be finalized. Will not need permit from Road and Bridge as this would be considered a farm access.

SPEEDY QUICK We after contacting Speedy Quick to discuss the expenses at crown point, we received a proposal back from them which Bev read in the meeting and Commissioners discussed items in the proposed 5 year contract that needed to changed. Bev will take Section 3 regarding maintenance and repair access and well as Section 6 regarding Highspeed Internet service back to Speedy Quick for discussion. ICRMP needs to be contacted to add the building not just the equipment to our policy at crown point. Bev will update at the July Meeting

WEBSITE Website will be maintained now by the new secretary/treasurer

SUBSCRIBERS Two Subscriber agreements signed, More will come in at the next meeting

FEE SCHEDULE – Tabled for future meeting

JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARY – Secretary provided legal file to Bev whom will take responsibility for keeping these working files for the time being as she is the direct contact for the attorney.

DRAFT BUDGET – 2026-2027 Draft Budget was reviewed and discussed briefly. It was decided to move this to a special budget workshop meeting Wednesday June 24th at the Sweet Station at 5:00pm.

VEHICLE LICENSING – Updates on titles received, plates coming and outstanding items.

FIRE DEPARTMENT ID – These can now be obtained at the DMV and times and contact for the DMV will be passed out at the fire drill.

Harvey motioned to Adjourn Kim 2nds all in favor, meeting adjourned 10:10pm